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To whom it may concern:

As a former Microsoft employee, I disagree with the terms of the proposed Microsoft settlement. At a minumum, I believe the remedies outlined by Dan Kegel at http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html should be implemented.

In general, an Operating System should publish APIs which allow anyone to write a component that 'plugs' into place. Currently, Microsoft applications 'plug-in' to the operating system in proprietary ways, making fair competition on the application front impossible. I feel that competition and quality in the software industry would be maximized if Microsoft were 2 companies, one OS company, and one Apps company.

thank you,

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